

REMARKS

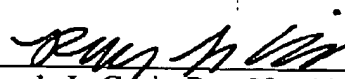
The claims currently pending in the application are claims 71-74, 76-100, 102-104, 106-120. Claims 1-70, 75 and 101 have been previously cancelled pursuant to the Preliminary Amendment and Amendment A. Claims 76, 80, 81, 84, 85, 87-90, 93 and 94 have been amended and claim 105 is cancelled pursuant to the present amendment. The Abstract has been amended pursuant to the Examiner's suggestion during the Interview.

Based on the foregoing, allowance of claims 71-74, 76-100, 102-104, 106-120 is solicited. Applicants aver that no new matter is being introduced by virtue of the amendment to the claims and that proper antecedent basis is provided in the specification for these claims. Should there be any remaining informalities or issues, it is submitted that this may be handled by Examiner's Amendment or that the Examiner should accordingly initiate a telephone conference with the Applicants' undersigned attorney Randy L. Canis. Applicants are prepared to cooperate as fully as possible to advance the prosecution of this case to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

4/27/04

Date


Randy L. Canis, Reg. No. 44,584
Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale, P.C.
10 S. Broadway, Suite 2000
St. Louis, Missouri 63102-1774
(314) 241-9090
(314) 345-4704 Fax
Attorneys for Applicant

Attachment: Certificate of Fax Transmittal